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Local Coordinating Committee

Minutes

Wednesday, October 8, 2014

8:00 a.m.

Offices of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning
Cook County Conference Room
233 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 800
Chicago, Illinois 60606

Members Present: Rita Athas (CMAP Board-Chicago), Mike Davidson (Human and Community Development committee), Nancy Firfer (Housing committee), David Galowich (Land Use committee), Jennifer Killen (Transportation committee), Judith Kossy (Economic Development committee), Lisa Laws (CMAP Board-Chicago), Rick Reinbold (CMAP Board-south Cook County), William Rodeghier (CMAP Board-west Cook County), Rae Rupp Srch (CMAP Board-DuPage County), Carolyn Schofield (CMAP Board-McHenry County), Sean Wiedel (Environment and Natural Resources committee)

Members Absent: Raul Raymundo (CMAP Board-Chicago),

Staff Present: Bob Dean

Others Present: None

1.0 Call to Order

Rita Athas, Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m., and members were asked to introduce themselves.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

There were no agenda changes or announcements.

3.0 Approval of the Minutes-May 14, 2014

On a motion by Sean Wiedel and a second by William Rodeghier, the minutes were approved with no changes.

4.0 Introduction of New Committee Member

Judith Kossy, the new committee member representing the Economic Development committee, introduced herself and described her background.

5.0 Project Selection Recommendations

Bob Dean informed the committee that 25 new projects were recommended to be added to the LTA program, out of more than 100 applications submitted. He referred committee members to the project selection memo included in the materials. On a motion by David Galowich and a second by Nancy Firfer, the committee unanimously recommended that the new project selection be approved by the Board.

6.0 Evaluation of LTA Program

Bob Dean stated that CMAP had been undertaking an evaluation of the LTA program, with the intention of informing program changes in future years. He summarized a series of presentations that had been given to the working committees over the summer, covering the program's basic statistics, alignment with GO TO 2040, implementation progress, and internal and external project evaluations. He concluded by emphasizing local commitment, plan implementation, and evolving program focus as key elements to address.

On local commitment, Mr. Dean noted that the commitment of the local project sponsor was shown to have the most influence on project success. He noted a few changes in the program in upcoming years that are meant to guarantee local commitment, including more aggressive project screening and requiring local match. Committee members broadly agreed. Rae Rupp Srch noted that this matched her own observations. Mike Davidson commented that site visits with applicants are invaluable in reviewing applications. Rita Athas noted that it would be important, when considering local match, to set a sliding scale that did not discourage lower-income communities from participating.

On implementation, Mr. Dean stated that CMAP would be seeking further involvement of external partner organizations that may become implementation partners in future LTA projects. David Galowich asked about the definition of implementation, and Mr. Dean clarified that implementation included observable change that occurred after plan adoption. Judith Kossy suggested being as clear as possible about how implementation is measured, so that future applicants understand how to set themselves up for implementation.

Finally, on program focus, Mr. Dean reiterated that keeping a broad and diverse program was important, and required external funding. He highlighted several particular issues – stormwater, flooding, and disaster resilience; economic development and reinvestment; and freight – which would be emerging focuses of the program. Ms. Schofield noted that projects involving water had become less common, and Mr. Dean responded that this was linked to funding for water projects, which CMAP was currently seeking from several sources. Ms. Athas added that the focus on economic development and reinvestment was very important and was a good future direction for the program.

7.0 LTA Program Update

Bob Dean noted that a full list of ongoing LTA projects was contained in the meeting materials. There were no comments or questions on these.

8.0 Other Business

There was no other business before the Local Coordinating Committee.

9.0 Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.

10.0 Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Local Coordinating Committee is scheduled for February 11, 2015.

11.0 Adjournment

At 8:45 a.m., on a motion by David Galowich and a second by Mike Davidson, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Handwritten signatures of David Galowich and Mike Davidson.

Approved, as presented, by unanimous vote February 11, 2015